

C.S. LEWIS ACCEPTABLE TO MORMONS

June 17, 1998 (David Cloud, Fundamental Baptist Information Service, P.O. Box 610368, Port Huron, MI 48061, 866-295-4143, fbns@wayoflife.org) - In April 1998 Mormon professor Robert Millet spoke at Wheaton College on the topic of C.S. Lewis. In the latest issue of Christianity Today Millet, dean of Brigham Young University, is quoted as saying that C.S. Lewis "is so well received by Latter-day Saints [Mormons] because of his broad and inclusive vision of Christianity" (John W. Kennedy, "Southern Baptists Take Up the Mormon Challenge," Christianity Today, June 15, 1998, p. 30)

C.S. Lewis believed in purgatory and denied the biblical doctrine of an eternal fiery hell, claiming, instead, that hell is a state of mind: "And every state of mind, left to itself, every shutting up of the creature within the dungeon of its own mind--is, in the end, Hell" (Lewis, *The Great Divorce*, p. 65).

C.S. Lewis also denied the total depravity of man, the inerrancy of Scripture, and the substitutionary Atonement of Jesus Christ.

"J.D. Douglas, writing in Christianity Today, for December 20, 1963 (p. 27) reports the reservations of Dr. Martin Lloyd-Jones of historic Westminster Chapel of London: 'Dr. Lloyd-Jones told Christianity Today that because [C.S.] Lewis was essentially a philosopher, his view of salvation was defective... Lewis was an opponent of the substitutionary and penal theory of the Atonement.' Dr. W. Wesley Shrader of the First Baptist Church of Lewisburg, Pennsylvania... wrote a letter to the editor in Christianity Today for February 28, 1964 (pp. 34-35) in which he stated: 'C.S. Lewis... would never embrace the (literal-infallible) view of the Bible. He would accept no theory of the "total depravity of man." He rejected the "substitutionary theory" of the Atonement"' (F.B.F. News Bulletin, Fundamental Baptist Fellowship, March 4, 1984).

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